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NOVEMBER 18, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT:

INFORMATION ITEMS

EVACUATION OF SOME AMERICANS FROM ANGOLA: A PRIVATE AMERICAN OIL COMPANY (THE CABINDA GULF OIL COMPANY) HAS EVACUATED ABOUT 100 DEPENDENTS OF ITS EMPLOYEES IN ANGOLA AFTER A WEEK IN WHICH WHITE PORTUGUESE TROOPS INTERVENED TO QUELL CLASHES BETWEEN RIVAL BLACK LIBERATION GROUPS. THE CLASHES LEFT AT LEAST 50 DEAD AND SHARPLY INCREASED THE RACIAL AND POLITICAL TENSION SURROUNDING PORTUGUESE EFFORTS TO MOVE ANGOLA TO INDEPENDENCE. NO EVACUATION OF THE SMALL U.S. OFFICIAL COMMUNITY HAS BEEN DIRECTED.

UN DEBATES OF KHMER AND KOREA RESOLUTIONS IS EXPECTED: UN DEBATES ON THE KHMER REPUBLIC AND KOREA ARE LIKELY TO BEGIN SOON, BUT THE EXACT TIMING REMAINS UNCERTAIN. WE WOULD PREFER THE PLENARY DEBATE OF THE KHMER REPRESENTATION (WHERE THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION FACES AN UNCERTAIN VOTE) TO OCCUR AFTER THE DEBATE ON KOREA IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE (WHERE THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION HAS A COMFORTABLE MARGIN). HOWEVER, BOTH ITEMS COULD COME UNDER DISCUSSION SIMULTANEOUSLY AS EARLY AS NOVEMBER 25. SO FAR, NEITHER THE SOVIET UNION NOR THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS OFFERED MORE THAN PRO FORMA OPPOSITION TO THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTIONS ON THE KHMER REPUBLIC AND KOREA.

RETURN OF EVA PERON'S BODY TO ARGENTINA: IN A SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED ACTION, PRESIDENT PERON'S PRIVATE SECRETARY AND MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE LOPEZ REGA RETURNED TO ARGENTINA SUNDAY ESCORTING THE BODY OF EVA PERON, THE REVERED FORMER WIFE OF LATE PRESIDENT PERON. THE RETURN OF THE BODY IS INTENDED TO HAVE AN IMMEDIATE POLITICAL IMPACT, RALLYING, IT IS HOPED MUCH NEEDED LEFTIST LABOR SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA PERON ANNOUNCED THE RETURN

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AND ATTENDED A MEMORIAL HONORING "EVITA." SHORTLY FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RETURN, THE TERRORIST MONTENEGROS RETURNED THE BODY OF FORMER PRESIDENT ARAMBURU, STOLEN A MONTH AGO. IT WAS ARAMBURU WHO OVERTHREW JUAN PERON IN 1955 AND HAD EVA'S BODY SENT OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THE SUDDENNESS OF MRS. PERON'S ACTION WITHOUT PRIOR PUBLICITY TO CAPITALIZE ON ITS POLITICAL BENEFITS SUGGESTS THE MOVE MAY HAVE BEEN PROMPTED AT LEAST IN PART TO STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF LOPEZ REGA, WHO REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN COMING UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO RESIGN FROM MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL OPPOSITION. HIS INFLUENCE WITH MRS. PERON IS RESENTED AND REGARDED WITH DEEP SUSPICION BY MANY. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER MRS. PERON'S ACTION WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN COOLING THE TENSIONS BETWEEN RIGHTS AND LEFTISTS, INCLUDING TENSIONS BETWEEN FACTIONS WITHIN THE PERONIST MOVEMENT.

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